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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,891,030

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA was cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Form 1449 is submitted herewith, on which Reference AA is listed.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

In the event that this Information Disclosure Statement crosses in the mail with a first Office Action, this Information Disclosure Statement is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that Reference AA was first cited in a communication from a

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foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AA, taken alone or in combination with the previously-submitted reference. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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